



## **Brownfields 2018 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet**

### **MSC Realty Inc., Providence, RI**

#### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

#### **Cleanup Grants**

*\$600,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected MSC Realty Inc. for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Hook-Fast Specialties site located at 58 Seymour Street in Providence. From the early 1980s to the early 2000s, the site was operated as a soldering business, metals plating shop, oil company, and meeting center. It currently is vacant and is contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Hazardous substances grant funds also will be used to clean up lot 153 and lot 810 on plat 47 at the former National Plating Property located at 946 Eddy Street in Providence. The property was used as an automotive junkyard in the 1950s, and was later operated as an automotive repair shop and dealership, and used for electroplating operations. It currently is vacant and contaminated with metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Grant funds also will be used to monitor the health of the public surrounding the sites, and conduct community outreach and engagement activities.

#### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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